

Michigan Department of Career Development
Office of Career and Technical Preparation

Perkins III Student Populations Secondary Definitions

Perkins III requires that states report student information on all students participating in career and technical education. The USDOE-OVAE Core Indicator Framework focuses on CTE students at three levels of participation: (1) participation, (2) concentrator, and (3) completer. Each Perkins III performance indicator focuses on a specific level of student participation:

1S1	Academic Achievement	Vocational Concentrator
1S2	Technical Achievement	Vocational Concentrator
2S1	High School Completion	Vocational Concentrator
3S1	Placement	Vocational Completer
4S1	Nontraditional - Participation	Vocational Participant
4S2	Nontraditional - Completion	Vocational Completer

Definitions for each of these categories are as follows:

Participant

A secondary student enrolled in a state-approved career and technical education program.

Concentrator

A “concentrator” is a secondary student that has successfully completed 60% of a state-approved career and technical education program. The threshold level would vary depending upon the sequence of courses and number of minutes for each individual occupational program.

State-approved career and technical education programs must have a minimum of 7,200 minutes per year except for trade and industry programs that must have a minimum of 14,400 minutes per year.

Completer

A “completer” is an 11th or 12th grade student (or “13th” grade student if the district has adults) who is enrolled in a state-approved career and technical education program and has completed a designated instructional program as determined by the local school district. Using state guidelines, the district concurs with the following:

1) The student completed a sequence of courses or equivalent instructional units in a recognized CTE program.

2) The student's GPA for this sequence of courses/instructional units equals a 2.0 or better.

3) The student is ready to be successful in further training or post-secondary course work related to the student's CTE sequence of courses/instructional units OR the student is ready to be successfully employed based on the student's CTE sequence of courses/instructional units.

If the program requires two years of training for a student to meet the requirements of an entry-level job, the student may be counted as a "completer" ONLY at the end of the second year.

Tech Prep Student

A student with an Education Development Plan (EDP) that indicates that he/she is enrolled in a specific Tech Prep (2+2) Program curriculum leading to an apprenticeship certificate or associate degree in a specific career area.

Data Operative Definition for Identifying a Tech Prep Student

A student enrolled in a state-approved secondary career and technical education program that is part of an articulated Tech Prep Program that leads to an associate degree or certificate in a specific career area.